

Senate Study Bill 3072 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the field services organization for the
2 department of human services and including effective date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 217.42, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The organizational structure to deliver the department's
4 field services shall be based upon service areas designated by
5 the department. The service areas shall serve as a basis for
6 providing field services to persons residing in the counties
7 comprising the service area. ~~The service areas shall be those~~
8 ~~designated by the department effective January 1, 2002. In~~
9 ~~determining the service areas, the department shall consider~~
10 ~~other geographic service areas including but not limited to~~
11 ~~judicial districts and community empowerment areas. The~~
12 ~~department shall consult with the county boards of supervisors~~
13 ~~in a service area with respect to the selection of the service~~
14 ~~area manager responsible for the service area who is initially~~
15 ~~selected for the service area designated effective January 1,~~
16 ~~2002, and any service area manager selected for the service~~
17 ~~area thereafter. Following establishment of the service areas~~
18 ~~effective January 1, 2002, if a county seeks to change the~~
19 ~~boundaries of a service area, the change shall only take place~~
20 ~~if the change is mutually agreeable to the department and all~~
21 ~~affected counties. If it is necessary for the department to~~
22 ~~significantly modify its field operations or the composition~~
23 ~~of a designated service area, or if it is necessary for the~~
24 ~~department to change the number of offices operating less than~~
25 ~~full-time, the department shall consult with the affected~~
26 ~~counties prior to implementing such action.~~

27 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
28 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill relates to the field services organization for
31 the department of human services under Code section 217.42,
32 providing for service areas to be designated by the department.

33 The bill eliminates other language limiting the field
34 services organization to the service areas designated as of
35 January 1, 2002, requiring consideration of other geographic

1 service areas, requiring consultation with county boards of
2 supervisors regarding selection of service area managers,
3 providing a procedure for counties seeking to change the
4 boundaries of a service area, and requiring consultation with
5 affected counties if it is necessary for the department to
6 significantly modify service areas or related operations.

7 The bill takes effect upon enactment.